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NOTE VERBALE DATED 26 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993) of 31 March 1993, has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 23 and 25 August 1993, there appear to have been six flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed hereto.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 811.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(23-25 August 1993)

| Serial number | Date | Start | End | Remarks | Heading, speed, altitude |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 828 | 23 Aug. | 0424 | 0433 | AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 42 kilometres west of Sarajevo. NATO fighters investigated and made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter flying 31 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo. Warnings were issued with no visible result. All contact was lost after a few minutes. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | South-east<br>Slow<br>Low |
| 829 | 23 Aug. | 0655 | 0712 | AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 27 kilometres south of Zenica. NATO fighters investigated and made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 2 kilometres south-west of Zenica. The helicopter landed at that position but kept its rotors turning. A few minutes later, it took off and flew east. AWACS issued warnings, and the helicopter soon landed on a small airstrip 2 kilometres south of Zenica near two other MI-8s. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | Various<br>Very slow<br>Low |
| 830 | 24 Aug. | 1410 | 1410 | United Nations military observers observed a white helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross, probably an MI-8, taking off from Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | South-east<br>Slow<br>Low |
| 831 | 24 Aug. | 1222 | 1233 | United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter, with a blue stripe and a red cross on the bottom and on each side, landing at Fojnica, 24 kilometres south of Zenica. A few minutes later, the helicopter took off and flew south-east. Within minutes, it returned and landed. After remaining on the ground for a few minutes, the helicopter departed to the north-west. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | Various<br>Slow<br>Low |
| 832 | 25 Aug. | 0845 | 0900 | NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 15 kilometres south of Zenica. The helicopter ignored warnings issued by the fighters and continued to fly until it reached Zenica airfield. There were two other MI-8s already on the ground when it landed. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | North<br>Slow<br>2,000 feet |

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| 833 | 25 Aug. | 0852 | 0903 | United Nations military observers observed a dark green Kraguj - a small, single engine, propeller-driven aircraft - with Bosnian Serb Army markings 10 kilometres north-east of Srebrenica. The aircraft flew two visual patterns around a small grass strip and landed. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs. | Various<br>Slow<br>Low |